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POLICE RECORD IS CLEAN, HART SAYS

Chief Surprised to Learn of Charges at Council Meeting

MUST WATCH FOR PITFALLS

Reports Chief Oppose Probation for Second Offenders Against Liquor Laws—Lawyers Who Fight for Guilty Clients, Criticized.

There are no dark blotches on the fair records of the New Britain police department, according to Chief William C. Hart in an address to the New Britain Kiwanis club at the Burritt hotel today. Chief Hart opened his address by stating that he had been attending the International Association of Police Chiefs in Montreal and was surprised to find in newspaper clippings and information from friends that there was a discussion about carnivals, gambling and alleged graft, etc. "The police department, however, is not involved," he said. He referred to the political and other pitfalls that are continually laid for a police department and said it requires considerable thinking to be able to keep to the middle of the road and avoid "leads" laid for them.

Referring to a statement concerning the police department made recently at a meeting of the council, Chief Hart said he was not alarmed, that he was sure the phrase used in the council meeting had not been intended exactly that way.

Liquor Selling and Probation.

He told about his trip to Canada and some things about the action of the association. One thing he spoke of was the unanimous sentiment on the part of the police chiefs against placing on probation second offenders against the liquor laws. He said the police officials all agreed that the first offender was entitled to the benefits of probation but that placing a second offender on probation was one of the worst things that could happen. He also stated that the police chiefs voted to present a paper to the American Bar association decrying efforts on the part of some lawyers to help clients escape punishment when they are guilty of serious crimes.

Why Arrests Increase.

He also stated that the increase in arrests in New Britain in the last few years was not due to prohibition as much as to parking ordinances and the ordinance regulating the cleaning of sidewalks in winter.

He offered his cooperation officially to the Kiwanis club and said he would be glad to receive the assistance and cooperation of the members in return.

Joseph W. Ward was elected to fill the vacancy as district trustee. It was voted to dispense with the meeting next week because of the joint meeting with the other clubs and the Chamber of Commerce.

Kiwanians, despite the fact that Attorney Mirrie D. Saxe said they were giving away their age, turned back the pages of time and made the ball room resound with such old time songs as "The Good Old Summer Time" and "Sweet Rosie O'Grady."

Norman Merrill won the attendance prize which was given by Attorney Donald Gaffney, and Dr. Norton won the baby's bib for being late.

Attorney Harry Ginsberg, Stanton Ashley, Harry O'Connor and Rev. Dr. Abel A. Ahlquist formed a quartet and sang "Sweet Adeline."

PELLS GUARD, ESCAPES FROM BALTIMORE JAIL

Convicted Murderer Forces Three Locks in Completing Break For Liberty.

Baltimore, Md., July 23.—George Gross, one of the four youths convicted last month for the murder of Louis Cohen, Baltimore jeweler, felled his guard and escaped from the city hall about 2:15 o'clock this morning. In making his escape Gross stole a pistol from the guard and then jumped over the jail wall.

Robert Emerson, the guard, was knocked in the head by Gross with an iron bar and then locked in the escaped man's cell. He was unconscious for some time after he was located, and late this morning it was impossible to get an accurate account of just what transpired leading to the escape.

Bernard J. Lee, warden at the jail, said this morning that an iron leg from the cot in Gross' cell had been used by the prisoner to force his way from the cell and also to fell the guard.

In making his escape, Warden Lee said, Gross had to force three locks on the cell door.

MARRIES WHITE GIRL

Battling Sikl, Senegalese Boxer, Takes New York Woman As His Wife To- day.

New York, July 23.—Battling Sikl, Senegalese pugilist, was married today in the municipal building to Lillian Werner, white, of this city. The boxer's real name, Louis Fall, was signed to the marriage license.

He gave his age as 24, and his birth place as St. Louis, Senegal, Africa. The bride, who gave her age as 20 years, described herself as an artist.

Syracuse Police Seek Burglars Who Fired House After Binding And Gagging Their Woman Victim

Syracuse, N. Y., July 23.—The entire Syracuse police department was mobilized today in an attempt to trace two burglars who this morning forced an entrance to the Lenox apartment house, bound and gagged Miss Frances Stabb, 24, and after taking a small sum of money from her room, set fire to the house.

Lives Are Endangered.

The lives of Miss Stabb and four roomers in the house were endangered as the flames rapidly swept through the apartment, and in trying to rescue the people several firemen were overcome by gas fumes and narrowly escaped death.

The fire had started to eat its way into the first floor when firemen reached the building. They found that Miss Stabb had been carried to the front porch by roomers. One of the men in the house trapped on the second floor was rescued by firemen.

Like a Movie Thriller.

The incomplete story which Miss Stabb was able to tell has all the qualities of a movie thriller. Miss Stabb awoke to find two masked men conversing in low tones and she screamed, but the sound was not heard by the other roomers.

She was then gagged and bound hand and foot, and the men took \$70 in rent money in an adjoining room. "We must cover up our tracks," Miss Stabb heard one of them say as they left, and Miss Stabb saw no more of them.

Then She Smelled Smoke.

In a few minutes she smelled smoke and soon saw it curl under the bedroom door. She worked her way across the floor and into the hallway in an attempt to wake the other roomers. Her last moans finally were heard by another woman, who rushed down with her husband.

As the man ran through the lower hall, he stumbled over Miss Stabb and his wife held open the door while he carried the woman to the porch. Miss Stabb was removed to a hospital where she was reported to be suffering severely from shock.

Bridgeport Man Thinks It Is That of His Little Daughter

Westbrook, Conn., July 23.—The body of a girl, 14 or 15 years of age was picked up floating in the sound off here today by H. M. Stevens, who was out in a power boat. The body was towed ashore and taken to the local undertaker by the order of Dr. D. A. Fox, medical examiner. Dr. Fox said the body was that of a girl about 5 feet 2 inches in height, weighing about 140 pounds, with bobbed, sandy hair. It was attired in a bathing suit shoes and stockings. The body is being held awaiting identification. It was believed that it might be one of the three girls of the party of seven missing since the overturning of a canoe party of children off Fairfield last Thursday. Dr. Fox has communicated with Bridgeport in an effort to locate the parents of the missing children.

The girl's teeth showed evidence of considerable dental work, evidently with the intention of straightening them, Dr. Fox said.

Bridgeport, July 23.—A description of the body of the girl found off Westbrook today telephoned to the police department here was declared by J. A. Nordquist to tally with that of his daughter, Alva, one of the drowned children.

Bridgeport, July 23.—The body of Clinton Nordquist, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nordquist, was found floating in Ash creek early today by Police Sergeant John P. Cassidy. Ash creek is about two miles from the place where the seven children are believed to have been drowned from a canoe last Thursday. This is the fourth body to be recovered.

The bodies of Ernest Peterson, 8, youngest of the seven children missing and Walter Berquist, 12, were picked up yesterday off Fairfield beach and that of Florence Benson, 15, oldest of the seven, was found off Seaside park late yesterday afternoon.

Search for the bodies of Ethel Bequist, 14; Alva Nordquist, 12, and Alva Anderson, 14, the other three children is still in progress. The seven children started out in a canoe from St. Mary's by the Sea Thursday and the overturned canoe was found floating in the sound the following day.

FACE LIQUOR CHARGE

Darien and Fairfield Men Arrested by State Policemen on Charge of Violation of Dry Laws.

Bridgeport, July 23.—James Feeney of Darien and Leslie P. Olmstead of Fairfield, were taken into custody today by Sergeant Frank Virelli of the state police on a bench warrant issued by Asst. State Attorney E. Earle Garlick charged with the unlawful possession of intoxicating liquors. The pair were arrested as a result of a raid in Stamford on July 5 when a forty foot power boat and 39 cases of Scotch whiskey were seized by federal and state agents as a result of a tip furnished by Harvey T. Bissell, collector of customs.

TRANSFERRED TO HARTFORD

Department of Justice Office in Springfield Has Been Closed Work To Be Done in Connecticut.

Springfield, Mass., July 23.—Orders were received here today from Washington closing the department of justice office and transferring the agents in charge to Hartford, Conn. It is indicated that the district comprising five counties, will be divided, Franklin and Worcester counties being placed under Boston jurisdiction, Hampden and Hampshire counties under Hartford and Berkshire county under Albany, N. Y. The district was formed eight years ago. Local organizations are planning to protest the closing of the office because of the benefits that have accrued from its location here.

BABY PEGGY ILL

Youthful Performer's Engagement Cancelled Because of Illness Following Vaccination.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 23.—Cancellation of a national tour by Baby Peggy, child motion picture star, was ordered by a physician yesterday due to illness of the child. She is suffering from fever as the result of a vaccination in Pittsburgh last week. Numerous engagements for appearances yesterday and today were broken.

The specialist attending Baby Peggy stated that her illness was by no means critical.

Baby Peggy's elder sister, Louise, aged eight, is also similarly ill as the result of her vaccination.

Girl's Clothing Stolen As She Wades in Pool

Clothing a little girl had left in the dressing tent at Walnut Hill park this morning while she was in swimming, was stolen according to a report made to the police by the child's mother, Mrs. Abdez, of 40 Sheffield street.

Another complaint was received from the woman this afternoon that a woman neighbor had struck one of her children.

DEATH PENALTY IS GIVEN TO MOUREY

French Court Finds Him Guilty on 22 Counts

ROBBED SHATTUCK HOME SHE

Prisoner Takes Sentence Calmly and Shakes Hands With His Lawyer When Trial is Concluded—Has Three Days for Appeal.

Paris, July 22.—Alphonse Gabriel Mourey today was sentenced to death, having been found guilty without extenuating circumstances on all of the 22 counts for which he was on trial, including charges that he participated in the robbery in 1922 of the home of Albert R. Shattuck, New York banker.

The jury which had listened yesterday and today to evidence by Mr. Shattuck, Mrs. Shattuck's maid and a deposition by Mrs. Shattuck, awarded 10,000 francs damages to Mr. Shattuck, who under French law was a civil party to the case besides being a witness in the criminal proceedings.

The jury also appointed an expert to determine the value of the jewels which had been stolen from the Shattuck home in Washington Square, New York city. Mourey took the verdict without flinching, simply shaking hands with his attorney when the latter was given three days in which to appeal.

FRESH AIR FUND IS BEYOND \$5,000 MARK

About \$500 More Needed for Undernourished Boys and Girls

While New Britain people have decided not to let the maintenance fund of the New Britain Fresh Air camp go by default, neither will the fund for additional housing suffer. With \$880 on hand, the Lions' club still to be heard from and the barn containing probably \$200 worth of lumber turned over to the Fresh Air camp by the water department, the housing fund will probably reach its goal and still keep going. A check received today from the Raecus club, puts this fund \$50 further ahead.

The maintenance fund continues to grow and today's reports jump that fund over the \$5,000 mark, with a fair start towards the last \$500. With the annual golf tournament coming at the Shuttles Meadow club a week from today, which is expected to bring in at least \$200, the full amount of \$5,500 is in sight.

Every cent is needed. Yesterday the Herald reported the receipt of 50 cents from a group of children who had a show in the cellar of their home on Park street. If children can raise money in small amounts, surely their elders can contribute like amounts. If 200 more people contribute \$1 each, nobody will miss it and many more children will be happy.

That there is some real sentiment back of the contributions is shown by the receipt today of a tiny box containing \$2.50 in gold from Earle B. Hick. A check was received for \$10 from the Painters' union and the cash received by the treasurer boosts the fund towards the last lap of its journey.

The contributions for the housing fund include a personal check sent to Treasurer L. W. Young for \$55.57, a check for \$265 from the Kiwanis club, a check for \$480 from the Rotary club, a check for \$50 from the Raecus club, and the Lions' club, despite the many public services it has been called upon to perform in the past year, has voted to collect from its members to help the fund.

The maintenance fund is as follows:

Previously acknowledged	\$4,955.55
Earle B. Hick (gold piece)	2.50
Painters' Union	10.00
Reported by Treasurer	45.00
Total	\$5,013.05

REBELS WANT ARMISTICE

By The Associated Press.

Santos, Brazil, July 23.—The Sao Paulo revolutionists are reported on efforts to enter into negotiations with the Brazilian government relative to an armistice but to have failed. President Bernardes having announced that the rebels must face the penalties of the Brazilian laws.

AUTO BREAKS GATES

John Coffey, gatekeeper at the Elm street railroad crossing, reported to the police this morning that David Spector of 28 Hurlbut street, drove his automobile against the gates at the crossing and broke them.

HIGH TIDES—JULY 24 (Standard Time)

At New London—
2:27 a. m.; 4:05 p. m.

At New Haven—
5:40 a. m.; 6:04 p. m.

THE WEATHER

Hartford, July 23.—Forecast for New Britain and vicinity: Fair tonight and Thursday; little change in temperature.

ELM CITY TRAFFIC POLICEMAN KILLED

Is Run Down by Coupe Driven by Mrs. George Coan

ACCUSED YOUTHS PUT ON AIR OF BRAVADO

Leopold Jests With Reporters While Waiting for Murder Court to Open

Chicago, July 23.—Nathan Leopold was concerned only with the manner in which reporters would describe his clothing when he was interviewed shortly before he entered the courtroom today. Leopold consented to the interview and while Leopold was nonchalant and in a joking humor, Leopold was almost stolid in his indifference.

"Are you nervous?" Leopold was asked. "Do I look it?" he answered and laughed. "I hear you fellows had a hard time describing our clothes the other day," he said. "Now I don't want you to make mistakes today. Remember this is an important day."

"Now look at me. What am I wearing? If I walked away this minute not one of you could tell accurately. So I'm going to help you out. Dick's hat is a soft Fedora. It's dull gray. Mine is slate gray."

Then he laughed and while enjoying his own humor, Leopold, evidently nervous, said: "Oh shut up, Babe."

SKIERKOWSKI AND HAYES SAID TO HAVE HAD ROW

Chief Hart Prefers Charges Against Former For Alleged Threat To Latter.

Chief William C. Hart of the police department has preferred charges against Superintendents Policemen Peter Skierkowski because the latter is alleged to have threatened to punch Superintendents Policemen Joseph Hayes and he used vile language in so doing. The matter will be referred to the discipline committee of the police board and action will be taken at the next regular meeting of the commission.

The trouble occurred last Sunday night in a lone Stanley street. Superintendents Hayes was on duty at Fairview cemetery when his attention was drawn to the condition of James McElaine, a carnival worker, who had been stricken ill. The policeman sent in a call to headquarters for an automobile to take McElaine to the New Britain General Hospital. Superintendents Officer Skierkowski was detailed to drive the service car to the scene.

When the machine arrived upon the lot Officer Hayes in alleged to have made a remark about the car seat. It is alleged that Skierkowski asked Hayes if it was necessary to send a truck and followed this up with a threat that he would "punch Hayes' head off" if he did not "shut his mouth" at once. Officer Hayes took upon the matter with Chief Hart upon the latter's return from a trip to Canada, with the result that both men were called into the office last night and it was decided to bring the matter before the commission. Chief Hart has not suspended Skierkowski.

EXPECT APPOINTMENT SOON

Coolidge Is Expected to Name a Diplomatic Envoy to Mexico Within Very Short Time.

Washington, July 23.—President Coolidge is expected to name promptly the post of ambassador to Mexico, soon to be made vacant by the retirement of Charles B. Warren of Michigan.

The ambassadorship at Tokio, another major post now vacant, probably will not be filled until after the November elections, but relations with Mexico during organization of the new claims commissions are held by Mr. Coolidge to require immediate designation of a successor to Mr. Warren.

Relief was expressed in official circles today that Mr. Coolidge would go outside the diplomatic service to obtain an ambassador for Mexico City.

Brings Suit for \$1,000 For Dog Bite Injuries

Suit for \$1,000 damages was brought today by Attorney Harry Ginsburg acting for Alfio Brunetto against Stanley Drezek, the action arising out of injuries alleged to have been sustained by the plaintiff last October when Drezek's dog bit him.

Deputy Sheriff Martin H. Horwitz served papers on the defendant today and attached property on McClinck street in the amount of \$2,000.

Fireman Heery to Take Miss Welch for Bride

The wedding of Miss Mary F. Welch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Welch of 3 Sexton street, to John J. Heery of 189 Clark street will take place at St. Mary's church, Tuesday, September 2.

Miss Welch is employed at the Fair Department store and Mr. Heery is a fireman stationed at No. 3 station, and was a member of the 26th division and served overseas during the war.

LOEB AND LEOPOLD CALM AS LEGAL FIGHT TO DETERMINE THEIR FATE STARTS TODAY

PROSECUTOR REAFFIRMS His Decision To In- sist On Death Penalty For Both Of Young Franks' Slayers.

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